

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SOWING OF KHARIF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sowing of Kharif Crops is lagging behind by over 12 lakh hectares in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether major shortfalls have been reported in the cultivation of coarse cereals, pulses and oilseeds etc.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): As per reports on the progress of sowing of Kharif crops for 2013-14 received from Crop Directorates, the area under sowing of Kharif crops is higher by 67 lakh hectares as compared to normal area coverage as on 26th July, 2013.

(c) & (d): While area under pulses, oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane etc. is higher than the normal area coverage as on 26th July, 2013, the area coverage under coarse cereals is marginally lower by 0.70 lakh hectares as compared to normal area.